

Profiles in Courage

- Sir Isaac Newton did poorly in school. He was only allowed to stay in school because he was failure at running the family farm. He grew up to become one of the more famous philosophers and mathematicians of our time.
- Admiral Richard E. Byrd was retired by the Navy as being "unfit for service". He became a legendary explorer who flew over the North pole in 1926 and the South Pole in 1929.
- Thomas Edison was told by his teachers that he was too stupid to learn anything. He read all the books in his local library on his own and became the greatest inventor of all time.
- Rosa Parks, who was black, was ordered to give up her seat on the bus to a white man. She refused, forcing the police to remove, arrest, and imprison her—and sparking the Montgomery bus boycott. She came known as the mother of the American civil rights movement.
- Andrei Sakharov was a high-ranking Soviet physicist when he began opposing nuclear weapons tests and supporting human rights. He was exiled for many years as a result of his beliefs. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975.

Quick Stat: High School Students were asked to respond to this statement:

My parents want me to do the ethically right thing, no matter the cost.

- Strongly agree37.4%
- Agree45.8%
- Disagree13.3%
- Strongly-Disagree3.4%

Do you do the right thing, no matter what the cost?

